

REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 8-18 are now pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Claims 1 and 7 have been canceled, claims 2, 3, 5, and 8-13 have been amended to improve their form, and new claims 14-18 have been amended. In this respect, the language "discriminating subsection/substep" has been changed to --discriminating section/step/ instruction-- for clarity. See Figs. 2, 14, and 17, which illustrate the discriminating block 104 being separate from the synthesizing block 106 instead of being a subblock thereof.

Allowable claims 3, 5, 9, and 11 have been placed in independent form to place claims 2-6 and 8-12 in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 3 and 9. Independent claim 13 further has been amended to parallel allowable claim 9, and new independent claim 14 has been added to parallel allowable claim 11. New dependent claims 15-18 parallel allowable claims 3 and 9, but depend from claims 5, 11, 13, and 14. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 3-6 and 9-12 have been indicated to be allowable if they are placed in independent form. As claims 3, 5, 9, and 11 have been placed in independent form, they are in condition for allowance. Since all pending claims now incorporate the allowable subject matter, the art rejection has been rendered moot.

Applicant submits that claims 2-6 and 8-18 are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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